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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, the 7th February 1959.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

All-India tours organised for the Kisans

* 6 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of All-India tours organized for the kisans of this State up to August 1958 and the total number of kisans included in such tours;

(*b*) the object with which such tours were organized;

(*c*) whether the expenditure incurred in this connection was met by the Government; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to organise similar tours in the future also?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) Two All-India Kisan tours were organized one in 1956 and another in 1958.

Three hundred and seventy-five kisans took part in the first tour and 324 in the second.

(*b*) The tours were organized to enable the kisans of this State to see for themselves the progress made in the other States in the implementation of the Developmental Schemes under the Five-Year Plans and thereby widen their outlook and knowledge.

(*c*) No. The expenditure was met by the kisans who participated in the tour.

(*d*) Yes. It is proposed to organize a tour some time in March 1959.

Polytechnic schools

* 7 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of candidates trained during the years 1956–57 and 1957–58 in the polytechnic schools functioning in the State; and

(*b*) whether all the candidates have been absorbed in Government departments?